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a notification request sender for detecting the occurrence of the event and for preparing a notification request according to an open network protocol; and

a notification server for receiving said notification request from said notification request sender and for notifying the subscriber of the occurrence of the event,

wherein said notification server is not in direct communication with said event generating system.

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4. (Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said messaging system further comprises an API (application programming interface) for providing an interface for detecting the event by said notification request sender.

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6. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said notification server further comprises:

an open network protocol server for receiving said notification request from said notification request sender; and

a notification messaging server for receiving said notification request from said open network protocol server and for notifying the subscriber of the event according to said notification request.

10. (Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein said notification request sender further comprises:

a notification event detector for detecting the event; and

a notification protocol adapter for preparing and transmitting said notification request.

11. (Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein said notification server further comprises a notification server protocol adapter for receiving said notification request and for determining validity of said notification request, such that if said notification request is valid, said notification server protocol adapter passes information from said notification request to said notification messaging server.

12. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a network for connecting said notification request sender to said notification server.

15. (Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein said event-generating system further comprises:

an internal messaging system for generating a message event; and

a notification request sender for sending said notification request to said notification server.

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26. (Amended) A method for sending a message to a subscriber by a requesting user,
the method comprising:

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- (a) providing a notification server;
 - (b) requesting a notification of the subscriber by the requesting user, wherein a notification mechanism for notifying the subscriber is determined independently of the manner in which the requesting user provides the message;
 - (c) sending said notification to said notification server;
 - (d) selecting said notification mechanism for notifying the subscriber by said notification server; and
 - (e) sending said notification to the subscriber through said notification mechanism by said notification server.

Please add the following new claims:

31. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the selection of the notification mechanism is based on a preference of the subscriber.

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32. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the selection of the notification mechanism is based on the capabilities of a receiving device associated with the subscriber.

33. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the notification server selects a notification mechanism for notifying the subscriber based on at least one of a preference of the subscriber and the capabilities of a receiving device associated with the subscriber.

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34. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the notification server determines a time for notifying the subscriber.

35. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the notification server determines whether to notify the subscriber of the occurrence of the event.

36. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the notification server forms a notification message for notifying the subscriber based on the type of event.

37. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the notification server forms a notification message for notifying the subscriber based on at least one of a preference of the subscriber and the capabilities of a receiving device associated with the subscriber.
